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1. THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE BURMA SOCIALIST PROGRAM PARTY MET FOR ONE DAY ON AUGUST 22. THIS BODY NORMALLY MEETS JUST PRIOR TO A SESSION OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY TO DECIDE ON ISSUES TO BE TAKEN UP AT THE ASSEMBLY. VARIOUS COMMITTEES OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE SUBMITTED REPORTS TO THEFULL BODY, BUT THERE WERE NO NOTEWORTHY DECISIONS TAKEN AT THE MEETING. PERHAPS THE MOST REMARKABLE ASPECT OF THE MEETING WAS ITS ROUTINE NATURE. DESPITE RUMORS THAT HE WOULD BE DROPPED FROM HIS POSITION AS PARTY SECRETARY GENERAL, SAN YU CARRIED OUT HIS NORMAL DUTIES IN THAT OFFICE THROUGHOUT THE MEETING. ALSO CONTRARY TO RUMOR, THERE WERE NO OTHER PERSONNEL CHANGES ANNOUNCED AT THE MEETING.

2. THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (PYITHU HLUTTAW) OPENED ITS SESSION ON AUGUST 25. THE USUAL REPORTS OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE, COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AND OTHER CENTRAL ORGANS OF STATE POWER WERE SUBMITTED ON THE FIRST DAY. THESE REPORTS CONCERN THE WORK CARRIED OUT BY THESE BODIES IN THE SIX MONTHS THAT HAVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ELAPSED SINCE THE LAST ASSEMBLY MEETING. A BILL RELATING TO THE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF PEOPLE'S COUNCILS AT VARIOUS LEVELS WAS INTRODUCED ALONG WITH AMENDMENTS TO THE BURMA POSTAL ACT, LIMITATION ACT, NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE BUREAU LAW, PEOPLE'S COUNCIL ELECTION LAW AND THE COUNCIL OF PEOPLE'S INSPECTOR LAW

3. MINISTER FOR INDUSTRY I COLONEL TINT SWE INTRODUCED THE LONG-AWAITED BILL REGARDING RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF PRIVATE ENTERPRISES. THE ASSEMBLY HAS NOT YET BEGUN DISCUSSION OF THE BILL, BUT IT APPEARS LIKELY THAT AFTER SEVERAL POSTPONEENTS THE MEASURE WILL FINALLY BE PASSED. THIS MAY BE THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ACTION TAKEN BY THIS SESSION. THE ASSEMBLY SESSION WILL CONTINE FOR SEVERAL MORE DAYS. BARTLEY

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